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Filing	Date: March 8, 2000	Examiner: Thanh X. Luu
For:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MICROSCOPE	OR PERFORMING AUTOFOCUSING IN A
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Sir:		
	REPLY TRAN	SMITTAL LETTER
	A Preliminary Amendment.	
\boxtimes	An Amendment Responsive to the G	Office Action Dated February 15, 2005.
	An Amendment Supplemental to the	e Paper filed .
	A Substitute Specification (pages 1	-) in clean form.
	A substitute specification (p	ages 1 -) with markings.
	An Abstract is enclosed.	
	replacement sheets of drawin	ngs are enclosed comprising figures .
		plack and white photograph(s) in this case, as they rillustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of rising figure(s) is submitted herewith.
7	Petition is hereby made to accept dr	rawing(s)/photograph(s) in this case.

DOCKET NO.: TIBO-0013/TIP0017USA **PATENT** Three (3) sets of color drawing(s)/photograph(s) and black and white photocopy that accurately depicts to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing(s)/photograph(s), are enclosed, comprising figures П An amendment to the first paragraph in that portion of the Brief Description of the Drawings is also enclosed herewith advising that the patent contains at least one drawing/photograph in color. A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed. An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed. Information Disclosure Statement. Attached Form 1449. A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached. Appendices as follows: Other \boxtimes No Additional Fee is Due. Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.

Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37

This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be

noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

CFR § 1.27 as

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The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

In response to the Official Action dated February 15, 2005, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

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\boxtimes	Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.					
\boxtimes	Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims who begins on page 3 of this paper.					
	Amendments to the Drawings begin on page an attached replacement sheet.	of this paper and include				
\boxtimes	Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.					